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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 124 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/55/709.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 55th and 57th meetings, on 30 March and 9 April 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.55 and 57).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/55/L.55

3. At the 57th meeting, on 9 April, the representative of India, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, made a statement and introduced a draft decision entitled "Strengthening the international civil service" (A/C.5/55/L.55).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.55 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Strengthening the international civil service

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General[1] with a view to taking a decision on strengthening the international civil service at its fifty-sixth session.

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[1] A/55/526 and A/54/483.